



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

February 14, 2019

Dear Amazon:

We want to assure you that Chicago, our surrounding communities, and the State of Illinois remain ready to welcome HQ2 to our city, and to ensure a smooth and successful transition and launch.

With new leadership in the governor's office and a new commitment to bipartisanship, the State of Illinois is prepared to be a strong and stable partner to attract and support businesses. We are focused on advancing an innovative economic development agenda that drives economic growth.

You have seen firsthand that the Chicago area meets or exceeds your business needs, from a robust, diverse and talented workforce to a thriving and globally-connected business community, to world class universities and transportation system. You already know about our ability to envision and deliver big projects, from a \$9 billion renovation of O'Hare International Airport that will further expand its capacity and efficiency, to launching 1871, the best university-affiliated incubator in the world, to making \$8 billion of investments in our public transit system, including the modernization of more than 40 rail stations, all on time and on budget.

Since your last visit, we have also made substantial progress toward the launch of 'The 78' development, which has received strong support from the surrounding communities and received unanimous support from the Community Development Commission – a 15-member board responsible for reviewing and approving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funding for private redevelopment projects. 'The 78' development and corresponding infrastructure support from the City is scheduled to receive final legislative approval in April and will break ground shortly thereafter.

Chicago and the State of Illinois remain focused on supporting business growth and innovation, and we are more ready than ever to do great things with Amazon HQ2.

You should take another look at Chicago. We will be happy to bring you back.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor Rahm Emanuel

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker